

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



**Planting Corn/Sorghum/Rice and Fertilizing Pastures*

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RELEASED: April 17, 2000 3:00 p.m.— Temperatures were slightly below normal for the week with some rain over the weekend bringing cooler temperatures according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 3.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 12 percent short, 58 percent adequate and 30 percent surplus.

CROPS: Producers' main priority was stripe rust control in wheat crops. Corn, rice and sorghum continued to be planted. Tomatoes and green beans were also being planted. Producers were spraying for weed control in the row crops. Other producer activities included fertilizing pastures and meadows and soil preparation for spring forage.

LIVESTOCK: Producers continued working cattle and calves. Cattle were making excellent gains on wheat and rye grass pastures.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Planted	16	9	18					
Emerged	4	NA	NA					
SOYBEANS								
Planted	1	1	3					
RICE								
Planted	10	6	17					
CORN								
Planted	84	39	65					
Emerged	45	NA	NA					
WHEAT				1	5	25	47	22
Headed	50	34	26					
ALFALFA				4	1	30	60	5
OTH. HAY				4	8	33	50	5
PASTURE				1	6	30	53	10

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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING: APRIL 16, 2000. There were several areas of the state with below normal temperatures and a frosty start to the week. The rainfall was near normal for the period. Several areas reported a high of 82° and the low of 26° was reported at Calico Rock. Precipitation ranged from 0.45 inch at Morrilton to 1.96 inches at Greers Ferry Lake.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING ARPIL 16, 2000

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING APR16	CURRENT APR ACCUM.	APR NORMAL	JAN-MAR	
							2000	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	72	41	-2	1.23	1.37	4.44	6.48	7.69
Harrison	75	41	-1	0.70	0.85	4.27	7.42	8.73
2 Calico Rock	82	26	-5	0.51	0.66	4.24	8.08	9.72
Evening Shade				na	0.00	4.44	0.00	10.99
Gilbert	80	39	-1	0.77	0.87	4.38	6.49	8.86
Greers Ferry	77	45	-2	1.96	2.43	4.79	9.60	12.21
Mountain Home	77	30	-5	0.45	0.54	4.40	8.36	9.30
3 Batesville	80	32	-4	0.70	1.07	4.72	8.87	11.36
Black Rock				na	0.00	4.30	0.00	11.78
Georgetown				na	0.00	5.35	0.00	13.01
Jonesboro	76	38	-4	1.20	1.69	5.11	7.81	12.97
Keiser	75	43	-2	1.36	3.34	5.19	9.45	13.73
Newport	78	35	-4	1.39	2.30	4.85	9.79	12.55
4 Booneville	73	47	na	1.00	1.33	na	5.59	na
Clarksville	72	35	-4	0.61	0.69	4.38	6.25	10.34
Dardanelle	74	46	-3	0.76	1.09	4.40	7.72	11.12
Ft. Smith	74	47	-2	0.79	0.95	3.97	5.72	8.45
Mena	73	32	-8	1.70	2.24	5.80	9.49	11.81
Ozark	73	33	-6	0.87	1.03	4.35	7.76	9.54
5 Hot Springs	81	39	-6	0.79	1.88	5.89	8.88	13.14
N Little Rock	80	45	-2	1.25	2.28	5.08	8.73	11.71
6 Augusta				na	0.00	5.14	0.00	12.47
Marianna	75	41	-6	0.92	3.68	5.51	11.75	13.81
Stuttgart	78	48	0	0.92	3.06	5.25	9.12	13.18
7 Hope	80	32	-7	0.74	2.20	5.55	8.78	12.25
8 Camden	80	33	-8	0.65	3.10	5.12	12.10	13.21
El Dorado	82	42	-3	0.67	3.98	5.37	12.16	13.59
9 Arkansas City				na	0.00	5.43	0.00	15.38
Eudora	80	37	-6	1.28	8.53	5.31	18.55	15.88
Pine Bluff	78	50	-5	0.67	2.18	5.28	8.31	13.81
Rohwer	78	46	-5	0.94	9.60	5.46	16.40	15.03

na= data not available

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